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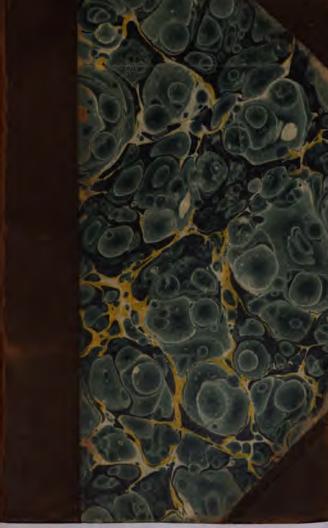
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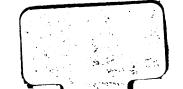
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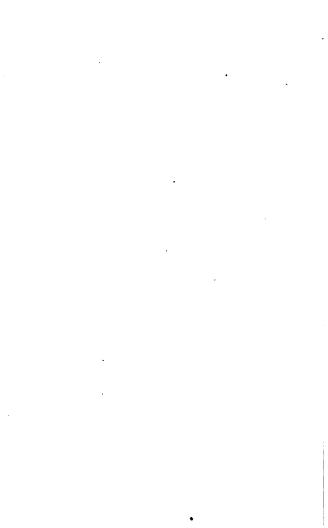


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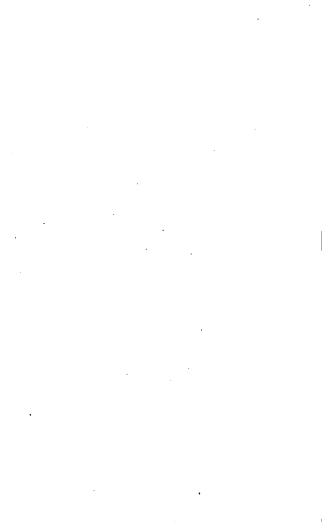
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PREFACE.

The object of this Publication is to adapt to the purposes of family prayer the Morning and Evening services of the Church.

Those Services were considered by the Divines, who, at the reformation, translated and rearranged them, to be fitted for daily and private use; all Priests and Deacons being enjoined "to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer, either privately or openly, not being let by sickness or some other urgent cause '." To the adoption of them for family worship, it is urged as an objection, that something is required which bears more immediately upon domestic wants and circumstances: and to supply this deficiency a daily Prayer has, in this compilation, been provided, instead of the Collect of the week. The Collects for Wednesday and Friday are selected as relating to those events of our Redemption which took place on those days, and which have thus invested them

¹ Preface to the Book of Common Prayer.

with a degree of Holiness; our Lord having been betrayed on the Wednesday and crucified on the Friday 1.

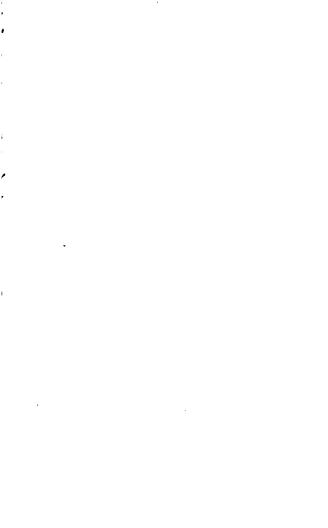
Another objection is raised, on account of the length of the Services as they are found in the Book of Common Prayer; and to obviate this objection, the Psalms are omitted, together with what are called the state Prayers, and the Lessons are so placed that they may be read or not, according to convenience. For the omission of the state Prayers the apology is, that in behalf of the King and all who are in authority under him, the daily

¹ Apostolical Constitutions, lib. v. c. 15. lib. vii. e. 23.

Sacrifice of Prayer is offered in our Cathedrals and many of our Parish Churches, and no good Christian will forget, in his private devotions, to make supplication for the Peace of his Country and his Church: so that it does not seem absolutely necessary that this should form a part of domestic worship.

By those who really admire the Services of the Church, greater variety in their devotions will not be required than that which is afforded by the daily change of the first Collect. But as the same Prayers are used twice, perhaps thrice, on a Sunday, at Church, two forms have been compiled for the Lord's Day;

—the Collects of which are chiefly taken from the English and American Books of Common Prayer.



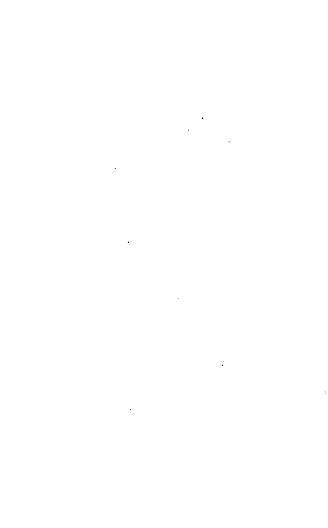
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A

BOOK OF FAMILY PRAYER.

MORNING PRAYER.

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Let us humbly confess our sins before Almighty God.

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ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders. Spare thou them. O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake: That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. AMEN.

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Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the day, (see page 24, et seq.) the second for peace; the third for grace to live well. And the two last Collects shall never alter, but daily be said at Morning Prayer throughout all the year, as followeth.

The second Collect, for Peace.

O Gon, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The third Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A general Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God. Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men (particularly for thy watchful Providence over us during the night past). We bless thee for our Creation, Preservation, and all the Blessings of this Life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of Grace and for the hope of Glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking

before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

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COLLECTS,

To be used at Morning Prayer throughout the week.

Monday.

O God, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, but that we should all work with our hands the thing that is good: graciously look upon thy servants now going forth to do their duty in that station of life unto which thou hast been pleased to call them. May thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil; to follow the motions of thy good Spirit; to be serious and holy in our lives, true and just

in our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things. Give us grace, that we may honestly improve all the talents thou hast committed to our trust; and that no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, may ever divert us from the thoughts of the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday.

O HEAVENLY Father we pray thee to look graciously upon this thy family and every member of the same: bless us in our bodies and bless us in our souls; bless us in the basket and in the store, in our going out and our coming in, and all that we put our hands unto. But, above all, bless us with the choicest spiritual blessings, with a pure heart and a sound mind; with a contempt of the

world and a sure trust in thee; with a grateful sense of thy kindness and a soul full of love; with a knowledge of thy will and a care to perform it; with the assistance of thy Spirit, and Life everlasting, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday.

O LORD God Almighty, who to redeem lost mankind didst deliver up thine only Son to be betrayed and sold by one of his own disciples and familiar friends into the hands of his most malicious enemies: grant us, by the help of thy Spirit, always to detest and abhor our own sins, which were no less the occasion of his death than the traitor Judas: and mercifully grant, also, that we may never fall from thee, or be led to act treacherously one to another, through covetousness or any other temptation; but that we may stedfastly persevere unto the end and under all trials, in the fellowship of thy Word and Spirit, and in communion of all Saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Thursday.

Blessed Lord, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work: give unto us thy servants grace, that we may be kindly affectioned one to another, and that there may be no schism in this household. Put away from us all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil-speaking, with all malice, and grant that, in honour preferring one another, we

may walk in love, even as thou, Lord, loved us, and gave thyself to die for our sins. Amen.

Friday.

O ETERNAL Father, who didst send thine only begotten Son into the world to die for our sins, who by his precious bloodshedding hath purchased to himself a peculiar people zealous of good works: we beseech thee absolutely to dispose of what thou hast so dearly paid for; mortify us to the world, and confirm our courage to fight manfully under the Banner of our crucified Saviour, that we may be able to stand the shock of all temptations, and that nothing, either in life or death, may separate us from thy love in him our glorious Redeemer, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God blessed for ever. Amen.

Saturday.

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us during the week now drawing to a close; beseeching thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercies and thankful for them, and to give us grace that we may always walk as in thy sight, making a conscience of our ways, and fearing to offend thee, may never fall into the sins we have repented of, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

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COLLECTS

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Monday.

Visit we beseech thee, O Lord, this house and family, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and let thy blessing be upon us for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Tuesday.

LOOK graciously, O Lord, upon thy Church in this house, and hear us when we pray, for all who are commended to our prayers by kindred or alliance, by the obligation of benefits received, by charge entrusted to our care, by moral friendship, by Christian charity, by promise, by mutual duty; be thou merciful unto us all, and bless us, and show us the light of thy countenance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday.

ALMIGHTY Father, who hast given thine only begotten Son to be unto us a sacrifice for sin, an example of meek and patient suffering, and a mirror of righteousness and true holiness of life; give us grace that we may receive that his inestimable benefit with all thankfulness of heart, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life, through he same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thursday.

O God who hast declared that a house divided against itself cannot stand, and who hast warned us not to let the sun go down upon our wrath, make us a household, dwelling together in unity and godly love. Banish and drive away all envy, hatred, and malice from our hearts, and if any of us have done any wrong to any man, give us grace that we may restore fourfold; so that forbearing and forgiving one another, we may find mercy at thy hands through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Friday.

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously look upon this family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

Saturday.

O Lord and Heavenly Father, who hast brought us to the end of another week: we acknowledge thy great goodness to us, in sparing us when we deserve punishment; in giving us the necessaries of this life; and in setting before us the happiness of a better. Pardon, Lord, our offences; correct and amend what is amiss in us; that as we grow in years we may grow in grace, and the nearer we come to our latter end we may be the better prepared for it. Take from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and too much carefulness

for the things of this life. Make us a household fearing thee, submitting ourselves to thy good pleasure, and putting our whole trust in thy mercy. Make us mindful, that as the end of the week, so the end of life is nigh at hand; and because we know neither the day nor the hour of our Master's coming, grant us grace, that we may always live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die, but that, living or dying, we may be thine through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING.

First shall be said the following Anthem:

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast; not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: Death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once, but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of

them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

The Confession to be said of the whole family after the person officiating, all kneeling.

O most mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion on all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, O Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

A Collect for the Divine Blessing on an attendance at Public Worship.

O God, who hast consecrated this good day to thy service, give us grace so to observe it, that it may be the beginning of a happy week to us, and that none of thy judgments may fall upon us for profaning it. Mercifully accept the prayers of thy holy Church throughout the world which shall be this day offered to the Throne of Grace; give us grace to prepare our hearts, that we may serve thee with reverence and godly fear; grant us an awful apprehension of

thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our own unworthiness; that so approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled and minds sanctified, we may perform a service acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To be added on Communion Sundays.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever of this household, being religiously and devoutly disposed, shall, this day, receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, they may approach that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins and all other benefits of his passion, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The second Collect for the officiating Minister.

O holy Jesus, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church, and hast promised to be with the ministers of apostolic succession to the end of the world; be graciously pleased to bless the ministry and service of him who is appointed to offer the sacrifices of prayer and praise in behalf of the congregation which we are about to join. May the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The third Collect for the Congregation.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, the congregation of this parish with thy love and favour: enlighten our minds more and more with the light of thy everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us in all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the Church.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace, that we may become an Holy Temple acceptable unto thee. Give us the abundance of thy grace, that with one heart we may desire the prosperity of thy holy apostolic Church, and with one mouth profess the faith once delivered to the Saints. Defend us from the sins of heresy and schism, let not the foot of pride come nigh to hurt us, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast us down. And grant that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; that so we may walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting, through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our Souls, who art with the Father and the Holy

Ghost, one God, world without end.

Amen.

A Thanksgiving.

We yield thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, that thou hast vouch-safed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee; increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore. Give us thy Holy Spirit, that having been born again and made heirs of everlasting salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, we may continue thy servants and attain thy promises; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, everlastingly. Amen.

Concluding Prayer.

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THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen*.

SUNDAY EVENING.

First let the Master of the house say,

Let us humbly confess our sins before Almighty God.

The Confession to be said of the whole Family after the Person officiating, all kneeling.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; mercifully

forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, O Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed: enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall follow the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The first Collect.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name; vouchsafe to us an interest in the prayers of thy holy Church throughout the world, which have been this day offered to the Throne of Grace; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained to the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Communion Sundays let the following be added:

We thank thee, O Lord God Almighty, for having admitted us to partake of thy holy, precious, and heavenly mysteries which thou hast given us for the sanctification and healing of our souls and bodies: and we beseech thee to grant that this our Communion of the holy Body and Blood of thy Christ, may inspire us with faith that need not be ashamed, and with love without dissimulation; may fill us with wisdom, and heal our souls and bodies; may avert all evil from us, and enable us to perform thy commands, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The second Collect.

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelists and Apostles; give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The third Collect, for Aid against Perils.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us mindful of

the time when we shall lie down in the dust, and grant us always to live in such a state that we may never be afraid to die, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for all Persons connected with us.

Remember, gracious God, for good, all those that are over us in the Lord, who watch for our souls as they that must give an account that they may do it with joy. Bless all our relations, benefactors, and friends; them that are good preserve in goodness, and convert the wicked. And hear us, good Lord, when we commend unto thy tender compassion all that are in error and sincerely seek the truth: all such as are destitute of necessary means of instruction: all that are engaged in sinful courses, that

they may have grace and strength to break their bonds: all that labour under

This to trials and afflictions [* espebe said when cially those for whom our any desire the prayers of the prayers are desired]: all family. sick and dying persons, that they may omit nothing that is necessary to make their peace with thee before they die: and also such as never pray for themselves, that they may see, before it is too late, the danger of living without God in the world: these and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A Thanksgiving.

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OCCASIONAL THANKSGIVINGS AND PRAYERS.

For a Person under Affliction.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy word that thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men; look with pity, we beseech thee, on the sorrows of thy servant, for whom our prayers are desired. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction, and with

resignation to thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon him and give him peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On a Recovery from Sickness.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless thy Name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness this thy servant, who desireth now to return thanks unto thee in the presence of this his family; gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may he devote the residue of his days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Person or Persons going to Sea.

O ETERNAL God, who alone spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea; we commend to thy Almighty protection, thy *servant*, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard *him*, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to the haven where *he* would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*.

On a safe Return from Sea.

Most gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works; we praise thy holy name, that thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety, through the perils of the great deep, this thy servant, who now desireth to return his thanks unto thee in the bosom of his family: may he be duly sensible of thy merciful Providence towards him, and ever express his thankfulness by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For a Person going a Journey.

Almights God, in whom all things live and move and have their being, whose Providence ruleth over all things: we humbly beseech thee give thy holy angels charge over this thy servant, now about to commence his journey. Preserve him by thy grace from all the temptations to which he may be exposed in those places and companies whither

his occasions may lead him; defend him from thieves and robbers, and protect him from all other dangers and evil accidents; preserve his going out and his coming in, that he may live to declare once more thy praise, in the bosom of his family, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

On a return from a Journey.

Almighty God, who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with thy mercy and lovingkindness; we give thee humble thanks that thou hast brought this thy servant safe to the end of his journey, and hast preserved him from the innumerable accidents and dangers to which he was exposed; and we beseech thee to grant that he may triumph in thy praise, and show it forth not only with his lips but in his life, by serving

thee in holiness and righteousness all his days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When a Child is to be baptized.

Almighty God, we humbly commend to thy fatherly protection and care, this child about to be taken to thy laver of regeneration. Bless him and sanctify him, that having a holy admission into thy Church now, he may continue thy servant unto his life's end, and finally be united with all them that are saved, through Christ our Saviour, in thy kingdom of glory! Amen.

After the Baptism of a Child.

ALMIGHTY God, who has formerly said by thy Prophet unto them that be initiated, Wash ye, become clean; and

hast appointed spiritual regeneration, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; look down in mercy upon this thy creature, who has been dedicated to thee by baptism; bless him and sanctify him and prepare him that he may become worthy of thy spiritual gift, and of being gathered together with those that are saved, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Before Confirmation.

O God, by whose merciful Providence the holy Church continueth to observe the doctrine of baptism, and of the laying on of hands: We beseech thee to be with thy servant, our bishop, when he shall come, as the successor of thy Apostles, to administer in this district the blessed ordinance of Confirmation; and grant that these thy servants may approach the rite with bodies undefiled, with watchful minds and pure hearts, that being blest by thy minister, and guided by the powerful influence of thy good Spirit, they may never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue his faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end: through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Confirmation.

O God, who gavest the Holy Ghost to thy Apostles, and hast pleased to ordain that by them and by their successors he should be given to the rest of thy faithful people: mercifully regard what thy servant, our Bishop, hath this day done; and grant that the hearts of these thy servants being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may become living temples of the Holy Ghost. Vouchsafe to them a constant union with, and communion in, thy holy Church, and make them always worthy partakers of thy Divine Mysteries, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Redeemer, who died for our sins, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. Amen.

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